



COEUR D'ALENE BASIN News Briefs

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Environmental Protection Agency Highlights

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- A second public workshop was held to gather input on the draft Human Health Risk Assessment on September 20th. The comment period for this document ends on October 16th.
- The Ecological Risk Assessment Workgroup had a full day workshop on September 27th and half day workshop on September 28th. These were followed by a public workshop during the evening of September 28th. The comment period for the draft Ecological Risk Assessment has been extended. The new comment deadline is now November 6th.
- The Removal action at the Mullan elementary School has been completed. Soils under three pieces of playground equipment were removed at depths from 18 to 24 inches and replaced with wood chips. Approximately 200 cubic yards of contaminated material was removed and taken to the Institutional Controls Program landfill.
- The results of the voluntary residential sampling program conducted this Spring showed that of the 60 yards sampled, 11 exceeded the Early Action Level for lead (2000 ppm). 15 homes that were on private water supplies had water samples taken, and 3 of those exceeded either a Maximum Contaminant Level or Removal Action Level for drinking water.

Documents/Information recently added to the information repositories:

"Final Field Sampling Plan for the Coeur d'Alene Basin-Wide RI/FS, Addendum No. 18" August 25, 2000

Other Agency/Entity Contacts and Highlights

Bureau of Land Management - Contact: David Fortier - (208)769-5022

Coeur d'Alene Tribe - Contact: Phillip Cernera - (208)667-4119

Panhandle Health District - Contact: Jerry Cobb - (208) 783-0707

Private Land Owners/Managers - Contact Frank Frutchey - (208) 682-2077

Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustees - Contact: Marti Calabretta - (208) 786-2471

The Success Mill site semi-passive groundwater treatment project on East Fork Nine Mile above Wallace Idaho. The good news is that the project is moving ahead. The Trustees awarded the Contract for the Success Mill site Groundwater Treatment Action to Jones West Environmental Services of Castle Rock, CO. The contract amount was \$949,094. The work will be done over two seasons. A critical point of interest will be in mid October when a decision will be made whether the cut off wall is functional (did the pressure grout process work). At that time a decision will be made to install the treatment vault. I will try to schedule a meeting when it is clear how the mobilization schedule is proceeding. Anyone wishing to learn more about the site or plan a visit can contact Marti at svnrtmarti@nidlink.com.

State of Idaho - Contact: Rob Hanson (208) 373-0290 or Kathy Johnson (208) 783-5781

State of Washington Department of Ecology - Contact: John Roland - (509) 625-5182

United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Contact: Julie Campbell (509)891-0450

United States Forest Service - Contact: John Specht or Jeff Johnson - (208) 664-2318

United States Geological Survey - Contact: Paul Woods - (208) 387-1353

Calendar of Events

October 4th , 7 to 9 p.m.

Coeur d'Alene Basin Restoration Project Citizens' Advisory Committee. Rose Lake Historical Society Building, Rose Lake, ID. North Fork Coeur d'Alene River WAG, North Fork TMDLs (primarily sediment), and St. Joe River Outstanding Resource Water nomination.

October 10th and October 24th , 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition. Brooks Hotel (500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID) Contact Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022 (group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month)

October 11th , 9 a.m. to Noon

Coeur d'Alene Basin Interagency Group. Idaho Department of Fish and Game (2750 Kathleen Ave, Coeur d'Alene) South Fork Sewer Facility Plan, Medimont boat ramp bank stabilization project, North Fork sediment TMDL, USGS update, USFS update, Gem Portal water treatment pilot project.

October 12th , 7 to 9 p.m.

Washington CAC. Washington Department of Ecology. For meeting agenda details, please contact Michele Nanni at 509-838-4912.

November 1st , 7 to 9 p.m.

CAC RI/FS Task Force. Location and agenda TBA.